

## MINUTES OF TOWN OF PACIFIC BOARD MEETING

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Special Town Board meeting called to order by Chairman Devine at 5:00pm.

**Roll Call:** Chairman William G. Devine, Supervisors' Craig M. Cawley, Charles Randy Davis, Mahlon Kirk, Thomas S. Pinion. All present.

Others Present: Amie Trupke, Clerk Ethel A. Smith

Motion by Pinion/Cawley to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which the Town is currently involved and other litigation in which the Town is likely to become involved relating to the property tax assessment of The Saddle Ridge Corporation. All in favor by voice vote. Being directly involved with The Saddle Ridge Corporation, Supervisor Kirk excused himself from the closed session.

Attorney Trupke reviewed the case with the Board. She gave her recommendations for action by the Board.

Motion by Pinion/Davis to reconvene in open session. All in favor by voice vote. Supervisor Kirk returned to the meeting.

First order of business was to act on Saddle Ridge's claim to recover 2007 Property Tax. Motion by Davis/Cawley to deny or disallow Saddle Ridge's claim. Cawley, Davis, Pinion and Devine voted yes. Kirk abstained. Motion passed by roll call vote.

Others Present for Regular Board Meeting (6:00pm): Vince Wardle, James McGilton, Dan Huebner and Jeff Neubauer.

**Minutes.** Motion by Cawley/Davis to approve the February 19 minutes. All in favor by roll call vote.

Motion by Cawley/Pinion to amend the order of the agenda to accommodate those present. All in favor by voice vote.

**Crane View Drainage.** Attorney Miller's draft agreement was received at this meeting. Copies were given to the Board members and Vince Wardle to review. Motion by Kirk/Cawley to table action until April 8 meeting. All in favor by voice vote.

**Approval of Bldg. Permit Fee Schedule.** Discussion on unfinished basements. Dan Huebner asked the Board if they wanted to include 10% over the cost of a permit to be given to the Town of Pacific. Motion by Cawley/Kirk agree to General Engineers new fee schedule proposal less the 10%. All in favor by voice vote. Board members stated, 'the agreement shall be renewable through December 31 of each year'. Mr. Huebner agreed to this stipulation.

**School.** Carpentry Bill. Jeff Neubauer went over the numerous items that were included in his bill along with the carpenters' charges. Motion by Pinion/Kirk to pay the bill as presented. All in favor by voice vote.

Attorney John Miller arrived during the meeting. Board interviewed Attorney John Miller for the position of Town Attorney. He represents Otsego, Lewiston and Caledonia in Columbia County. He would be able to attend monthly meetings. His hourly rate is \$150.00 hr., \$135.00 hr. for municipal work.

**Financial Report.** Supervisor Pinion stated that the Clerk and Treasurer's records appear to match. Motion by Pinion/Kirk to approve the Clerk and Treasurer's report. All in favor by voice vote. Supervisor Pinion left to attend another meeting. (7:01pm)

**Building Permits.** None.

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**Road Work.** Supervisor Cawley reported that the County has posted the weight restriction signs on Town roads.

**Cemetery.** Nothing new to report.

**Recycling.** Supervisor Davis reported there were no odor complaints and gave the Clerk the minutes from the Columbia County Recycling Committee meeting.

**Correspondence.** Chairman Devine stated he would be meeting with the Portage Fire Chief on April 3. Fort Winnebago has adopted a Comprehensive Land use Plan. The Plan Commission's new computer and visual aid has been ordered and will be here possibly by the next Plan Commission meeting in April.

**Codification of Town Ordinances.** Question of signage. May use St. Croix Co as a model.

**Pacific Ridge Roads.** The Board authorizes Rob Roth to get the signage done with the county.

**Hourly Wage for Election Workers.** Clerk Smith stated there should be a different rate for those poll workers who have gone through classes to be Certified Election Inspectors. There are currently five of the fifteen poll workers who have completed the classes. A typical election day is fifteen hours. At \$110.00 a day, it averages \$7.33 hr. Asking for \$10.00 hr for Certified Election Inspectors. Motion by Cawley/Kirk to approve the increase for certified Election Inspectors. All in favor by voice vote.

**Hourly Wage for Cemetery Sexton Assistant.** Supervisor Cawley asked for a raise for his assistant at the cemetery. He stated that Mr. Koch has on occasion not turned in time that he could have. We are fortunate to have him. Currently, he is earning \$7.50 hr. Asking for an increase to \$10.00 hr. Motion by Kirk/Davis to pay the assistant \$10.00 hr. All in favor by voice vote.

**Current Bills.** Motion by Cawley/Kirk to approve payment of current bills with checks numbered 10184 through 10209. All in favor by voice vote.

**Operator Licenses.** Clerk has done a background check on each applicant. Motion by Cawley/Davis to approve the Operator License applications made by Josh Ramsay and Chris Schmidt. All in favor by voice vote.

**Adjournment** Motion by Kirk/Davis to adjourn. All in favor by voice vote. (7:31 pm)

Ethel A. Smith, Clerk